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SUBJECT: MEXICAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 272901; (B) STATE 272912

1. EMBASSY ECONOFF COMPARED TEXTS ON NOVEMBER 22 WITH
RODRIGUEZ WHO WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTION FROM GARRIDO.

2. CHANGES NOTED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 THROUGH 6 OF REF (A)
WERE AGREED TO AND MADE IN MEXICAN ENGLISH VERSION, WITH
FINAL PARAGRAPH OF AGREEMENT READING SECOND DAY OF
DECEMBER IN PLACE OF TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER.
HOWEVER THERE IS A HANGUP ON SIGNATURE FORMAT. GARRIDO
WANTS MEXICO TO SIGN ABOVE U.S. IF PAPER NOT WIDE ENOUGH
FOR SIGNATURES ABREAST. ECONOFF SUGGESTED COMERCIO MAY
WANT TO CHECK MATTER WITH PROTOCOL IN SECRETARIAT OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS (SRE). NOW WE HAVE HEARD THAT SRE IS
NOT HAPPY ABOUT SOLANA SIGNING FOR MEXICO, AT LEAST ALONE.
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IT WANTS THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR MARGAIN TO SIGN AS WELL.
WE BELIEVE THIS IS LIKELY OUTCOME. NOTE: SOLANA IS
SPELLED WITH "A" NOT "O" AT END.

3. SCHEDULE I OF AGREEMENT NOW READS AS FOLLOWS IN
MEXICAN ENGLISH TEXT. CAPITAL LETTERS ARE NOTED BY A
BRACKETED C. ALSO NOTE THAT TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTTEL (A)

DID NOT INCLUDE FIRST LINE OF THIRD PARAGRAPH:

BEGIN SCHEDULE I:

THE CONCESSIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SCHEDULE SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND PRACTICES OF THE (C)GOVERNMENT OF THE (C)UNITED (C)STATES OF (C) AMERICA. THESE CONCESSIONS ARE EXPRESSED IN THE FORM AND LANGUAGE OF THE (C)TARIFF (C)SCHEDULES OF THE (C)UNITED (C)STATES, AND ARE SET FORTH AS THEY WILL APPEAR IN THOSE SCHEDULES.

PROVISION (B) OF THE "(C)NOTE" TO THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE ONLY REFLECTS THE OPERATION OF CURRENT (C)UNITED (C)STATES LAW, AND DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHTS OF THE (C)GOVERNMENT OF THE (C)UNITED (C)MEXICAN (C)STATES WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, CONSISTENT WITH THE (C)AGREEMENT, WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING THE ORIGINAL BALANCE OF MARKET OPPORTUNITIES.

THE BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN THE DESCRIPTION COLUMN OF THIS (C)SCHEDULE HAS BEEN INSERTED ONLY IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE UNDERLINE SCOPE END UNDERLINE OF THE NUMBERED CONCESSIONED ITEMS, AND SUCH LANGUAGE IS NOT ITSELF INTENDED TO DESCRIBE ARTICLES ON WHICH CONCESSIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED.

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THE DATES REFERRED TO IN THE TABLE IN (C)SCHEDULE I ESTABLISH ONLY BEGIN UNDERLINE ANNUAL RATES END UNDERLINE OF DUTY REDUCTIONS. THE ACTUAL DATES OF IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH (C)ARTICLE VI OF THIS (C)AGREEMENT.

END SCHEDULE I.

4. ALL CHANGES SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPHS 9 THROUGH 13 OF REF (A) HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO ENGLISH TEXT WITH EXCEPTION OF REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 13 THAT "TOKYO ROUND OF" BE DROPPED FROM LAST LINE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH IN SIDE LETTER 2. MEXICANS WISH TO RETAIN REFERENCE TO TOKYO ROUND HERE BECAUSE THIS PHRASE MORE COMMONLY USED IN MEXICO TO REFER TO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THAN PHRASE MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. PARAGRAPHS 14 AND 15 OF REF (A) ARE OKAY BUT MEXICANS WANT TO ADDRESS LETTER TO LONG AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF GATT AND AS CHAIRMAN OF TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE.

6. PARAGRAPHS 16 AND 19 ARE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO BY MEXICANS. MEXICAN DELEGATION FOR SIGNING DECEMBER 2 WILL PROBABLY BE COMPOSED OF FERNANDO SOLANA, AMBASSADOR MARGAIN, HECTOR HERNANDEZ, ABEL GARRIDO, LIC. GONZALEZ GUEVARA WHO IS MAJORITY LEADER OF HOUSE OF DEPUTIES, AND A SENATOR AS YET NOT NAMED. THERE WILL BE NO PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE SECTOR AND SOLANA WILL INVITE ALONG FOUR OR FIVE PRESS PEOPLE AND POSSIBLY TWO OR THREE OTHER MEDIA TYPES.

7. RODRIGUEZ HOPES TO TRANSMIT VEGETABLE PROTEIN DEFINITION BY END OF WEEK.

8. MEXICANS WANT TO MAKE SOME MINOR CHANGES IN TEXT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JOINT STATEMENT AS TRANSMITTED REF (B). WE AGREED

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THAT THE THIRD SENTENCE BEGINNING "THE AGREEMENT REFLECTS.." AND ENDING "...DEVELOPMENT STATUS" WOULD STAND ALONE AS SECOND PARAGRAPH. IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 5 BEGINNING "ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT ALSO..." THEY DO NOT WANT THE PHRASE "TROPICAL PRODUCTS" PUT IN

QUOTES. AND IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH THEY WANT TO DROP THE WORD "WILL" SO THAT SENTENCE READS "...RESULTS OF THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION." WOULD APPRECIATE STR REACTION TO THESE CHANGES ASAP.

9. ECONOFF GAVE COPY OF OUR DRAFT PRESS RELEASE TO RODRIGUEZ AND STATED INTEREST IN THEIR COMMENTS. HE SHOWED US HIS DRAFT WHICH GARRIDO HAD NOT YET APPROVED. WE COMMENTED ON ITS EXTRAORDINARY LENGTH AND TWO OBVIOUS FACTUAL ERRORS. HOPEFULLY GARRIDO WILL RELEASE IT TO US IN TIME TO TRANSMIT IT TO STR. LUCEY

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